

# TIDINGS

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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IN THE EPISTLE appointed for use where there is a Celebration of the Holy Communion at the Burial of the Dead, the final words are these: "Therefore comfort one another with these words". This makes the Epistle a difficult one to read, since he who reads must inevitably add: "Here endeth the Epistle"—words which in themselves, are not particularly comforting. Last Sunday afternoon we consecrated St. Andrew's Church and, in connection with that inspiring service, burned the Mortgage which our good people had worked so long and faithfully to pay off. There may be those of us who, having witnessed this "ceremonation"—having comforted themselves with the words of the Service of Consecration—think they have now arrived at the point where they can go their several ways and forget about St. Andrew's, because the great day has come and gone. But let's not be guilty of this kind of confusion in our thinking. What we witnessed last Sunday was not a Funeral but a kind of Baptism, not an end but a beginning. What we have done in Consecrating St. Andrew's Church is to make a free offering to Almighty God of a building, a building now His because, for the first time it is ours to give, a building erected to His glory, designed to be a base of operations for His work in this place. Let us therefore resolve in the days before us, that St. Andrew's Church shall serve just such a purpose in our lives, that we shall use it to preach the glorious Gospel of Christ in this community. Let us pray also that God shall continue to use it and us for the spread of His Kingdom upon earth.

## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH.

January 27th, the Sunday nearest St. Paul's Day, has been designated as Theological Education Sunday. This year, rather than having the rector or a visiting preacher present the message of the day, we have secured the Bishop's consent for our own ALVA DECKER to deliver a special address. As most of you know, Mr. Decker is a Lay Reader and Postulant for Holy Orders from this parish. Being in his last year at Fairleigh Dickinson, in preparation for entrance into Berkeley Divinity School in the Fall, he is in a position to know thereof he speaks on the subject of Theological Education. We can best demonstrate our concern for the increase of the Ministry and our appreciation of the sacrifices Mr. Decker and his family are making for him to go into the Priesthood, by being on hand to hear him this coming Sunday.

Those of you who missed the Service of Consecration last Sunday afternoon missed an event which all present agreed was one of the most inspiring occasions in the life of our parish. We were most happy to welcome our beloved Bishop as well as many old and devoted friends of St. Andrew's. We were very pleased that so many of the clergy and other visitors were on hand—not the least distinguished of whom was Fr. Webb, Rector of St. Andrew's from 1938 to 1961. Many of the "old timers" present witnessed something they had perhaps long since despaired of ever seeing. We owe thanks to so many, that we cannot possibly name all of them but let us at least summarize our gratitude by extending special thanks to the Parish Council which so ably made preliminary arrangements for the celebration—to the Altar Society, Acolytes, Junior and Senior Choirs, and the Vestrymen for their wonderful work in preparing for as well as carrying out the details of Service and Reception. A special thank you is also offered to Fr. Keryon for functioning so ably as Bishop's Chaplain, and to Dr. Long and Mr. Morris of St. Thomas Church for recording the Service. Deepest gratitude goes to all of you who, over the years, through your concern for St. Andrew's, have hastened this day.

## CONFIRMATION.

Bishop Stark will visit us on Sunday, February 17th at 10 A. M., to administer Holy Confirmation. This is always an event of importance in the life of a parish as well as in the lives of those being Confirmed. All of us should be present on that day to welcome our Bishop Coadjutor and our new Communicants.

## BERKELEY DIVINITY SCHOOL.

The leaflets and offering envelopes enclosed herewith set forth the requirements of the Berkeley Divinity School for Theological Education Sunday. It is our devout hope that you will read the one and fill the other. Berkeley is the Seminary which trained your pastor. Our Church Seminaries need your help if they are to continue to train men for the Sacred Ministry. Remember that 20% of the income of these schools must come out of what we give on this Theological Education Sunday. "Isn't you do your share?"

## CHRIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

Did you know that at our Consecration Service, Christ Church, Newark though it was the smallest parish represented, was the best represented, with 15 persons in attendance? Let's assure them that we are as interested in them by providing a worthy number of our people to share in their anniversary service on Sunday, the 3d of February at 8 P. M. Set aside the date now and resolve to be there—Christ Church, 81 Congress St., off Lafayette St., six blocks East of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

## NEEDED...

...Some lay people who do not consider it the job of the priest alone to visit the sick, comfort the afflicted, and seek out the lost. Have you ever given thought as to how much a devoted layman, filled with the desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ, might accomplish? The early Church flourished in spite of persecution because the laity as well as the clergy considered it their duty to preach the Gospel. Three or four of our people have caught this vision. We wonder what great things might happen if even more should do so. All of us here are called to be missionaries to our own neighborhoods. See the Rector; he may be able to help you put your talents to work for God.

## CHRISTMAS 1956.

Christmas this year at St. Andrew's was one of the best yet, with 243 people present at the three services. Would we had this many present each Sunday as it ought to be! The Christmas offering, although not the largest in recent years, was most substantial.

## THE CALENDAR:

### January:

- 27 - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.  
(THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY)  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.  
Morning Prayer & Sermon, 10 A. M.  
(Dr. ALVA G. BECKER, Preacher)  
Ying People's Fellowship, 7 P. M.
- 29 - Confirmation Class, 8 P. M.
- 30 - Parish Council, 8 P. M.

### February:

- 1 - Church School Staff, 8 P. M.
- 3 - PURIFICATION OF THE B. V. M.  
(Transferred from February 2d)  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.  
Sung Eucharist & Sermon, 10 A. M.  
Christ Church, Newark: Anniversary Service, 8 P. M.
- 5 - Confirmation Class, 8 P. M.
- 10 - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.  
Morning Prayer & Sermon, 10 A. M.  
Ying People's Fellowship, 7 P. M.
- 12 - Confirmation Class, 8 P. M.
- 15 - St. Andrew's Guild, 8 P. M.
- 17 - SEPTUAGESIMA.  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.  
Confirmation & Holy Communion, 10 A. M., BISHOP STARK.  
Ying People's Fellowship, 7 P. M.
- 22 - Acolytes' Meeting, 7 P. M.
- 24 - SEAGAGESIMA.  
Holy Communion, 8 A. M.  
Morning Prayer & Sermon, 10 A. M.  
Ying People's Fellowship, 7 P. M.
- 25 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY. (Transferred)  
Holy Communion, 7:30 & 10 A. M.

## REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

- Tuesdays: Boy Scouts, 7 P. M.
- Thursdays: Junior Choir, 4 P. M.  
Senior Choir, 7:30 P. M.
- Saturdays: Brownies, 10 A. M.

## SOME YEAR'S END STATISTICS:

### COMMUNICANTS: (22d in 1955)

Losses: By Death, 5; By Transfer, 15;  
Domicile Unknown, 2; Inactive, 8; Total,  
30.

Gains: By Restoration, 8; By Confirmation, 10; By Reception, 3; By Transfer, 9; Total 30.

### Total Communicants: 22d

#### OFFICIAL ACTS:

Baptized, 12; Confirmed, 10; Rec'd, 3  
Marriages, 2; Burials, 13.  
ATTENDANCE: 8116, Increase of 483.  
THE PARISH: Baptized Members, 388; Families, 103; Individuals, 66.